Government of India has also received 489 Rural Water Supply schemes costing Rs. 48.94 crores for covering 1229 problem villages affected by excess fluoride and brackishness. These schemes are under examination.

अनुसूचित जाति / अनुसूचित जनजाति आयोग का गठन

*70. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय:** क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि अनुसूचित जाति / अनुसूचित जनजाति आयोग का गठन कब तक किए जाने की संभावना है और इस संबंध में सरकार द्वारा क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है?

श्रम एवं कल्याण मंत्री (श्री राम विलास पासवान): संविधान के अनुच्छेद 338 के अंतर्गत राष्ट्रीय अनुसूचित जाति तथा अनुसूचित जनजाति आयोग अतिशीघ्र गठित किया जाएगा।

Revision of Sugar Policy

*71. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are formulating a revised policy for the sugar Industry to increase the production of sugar without keeping sugarcane growers at the mercy of the sugar mills; and

(b) if so, what are the detailed proposals and incentives to be given to the sugarcane growers?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA): (a) The existing policy already provides incentives for larger sugar production while ensuring protection of sugarcane growers interests.

(b) The policy, are recently modified in certain respects, has the following major ingredients:

(i) liberalised licensing;

(ii) announcement of a statutory minimum price for sugarcane;

(iii) incentives for early and late crushing ;

(iv) assistance for supply of good seed of higher yielding varieties; and

(v) support for modernisation and capacity expansion at existing factories.

New Schemes for Agro-Forestry

*72. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any new schemes for development of agro-forestry; and

(b) if so, the details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

Review of the list of Essential Commodities

*73. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to review the list of essential commodities under the Essential Commodities Act; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA): (a) and (b) The list of items declared as 'essential' under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 has been reviewed by the Government recently leading to a decision to delete the following items:—

(1) Cycle tyres and tubes (including cycle rickshaw tyres and tubes).